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- During the night of 2 to 3 April a large political police post was attacked north of Librazhd by a group of 22 partisans, led by a certain Bloshmi. The post was captured and the commander killed.
- An order was found among the captured documents in which the commander was instructed to prevent, at any price, partisan activities in this region and to report without delay any suspicious persons among the population (or among the police themselves) who might influence or sabotage the elections.
- During the night of 30 to 31 March, a column of the DMP was attacked by 15 members of the Albanian resistance movement on the way from Tirana to Elbasan, approximately 30 kilometers from Tirana. The police lost 12 men (dead and wounded); among them was a certain Poda, commander of the first battalion of the DMP. He died with the following words: "You can kill me, but rest assured that I am really on your side, and that I therefore die without a thought of revenge."
- Among the documents which were captured in this attack was an order of the DMP with instructions to check closely the position and strength of the partisan groups in this region (Jacabeze).
- At the end of April, a resistance group of approximately 18 men set the building of a financial institution in Gjinokaster on fire and robbed the food depots. The group was able to retreat into the mountains without any losses.
- at the present time 85 percent of the urban and 95 percent of the rural population is anti-Communist. The urban population is predominantly apathetic, whereas the rural population, mainly in the north and the interior of Albania, has been more inclined to assist the resistance movement during the last few months (that is, prior to March-April 1950).

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